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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 161933

1. SWISS DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST OF: AMBASSADOR RENE KELLER, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (FPD); DR. JEAN-PAUL PERRET, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; DR. RICHARD ZOLLINGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE; DR. HANS POPP, VICE- DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE, FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY; MISS GERTRUDE LUTZ, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UNICEF FOR EUROPE, NOW PRIVATE CITIZEN; AND DR. MARCUS KAISER, INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF SECTION, FPD. DELEGATION WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO ADVISORS: MR. SERG CHAPPATTE, OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, FPD; AND DR. EURG HAUSER, DEMOGRAPHER AND PRIVATE CITIZEN.

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2. HEAD OF DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR KELLER, IS ABLE DIP-

LOMAT WITH 34 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN SWISS FOREIGN SERVICE. HE HAS BEEN SWISS AMBASSADOR TO GHANA AND OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES (1960-62), TURKEY (1962-65), UNITED KINGDOM (1968-71), AND HEAD OF SWISS OBSERVER MISSION IN GENEVA WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR (1966-68). HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE 1971. BORN MAY 19, 1914, IN FRENCH SPEAKING SWITZERLAND, AMBASSADOR KELLER SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AS WELL AS FRENCH AND GERMAN. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

3. ON JULY 29 EMBOFF DISCUSSED SWISS PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH DR. KAISER WHO IS DELEGATION SECRETARY. DR. KAISER SAID SWISS DELEGATION PLANS NO SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND EXPECTS PLAY LARGELY OBSERVER ROLE. HE NOTED DELEGATION LARGE BY SWISS STANDARDS AND THIS INDICATION OF GROWING GOS INTEREST AND CONCERN RE POPULATION MATTERS. DUE RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE OF SWISS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS (APPROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT SWISS CITIZENS ARE ROMAN CATHOLIC), SWITZERLAND HAS NOT DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN ANY FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS (ALTHOUGH IT DOES CONTRIBUTE TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN SUCH PROGRAMS). DR. KAISER SAID DOMESTIC ATTITUDES HAVE NOW CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY THAT HE THOUGHT PENDING NEW DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION WOULD CONTAIN GUIDELINES FOR FAMILY PLANNING ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION TO CONCERN OVER ROLE OF POPULATION IN PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SWISS SEE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS ADDITIONAL PRESSURE FOR IMMIGRATION TO SWITZERLAND AT A TIME WHEN SWITZERLAND TRYING TO STABILIZE FOREIGN WORKER POPULATION.

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